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SUBJECT: SURINAM PRIME MINISTER VISITS VENEZUELA

1. SURINAM PRIME MINISTER HENCK ARRON COMPLETED A FIVE-DAY VIST TO VENEZUELA JULY 1, DURING WHICH HE HELD TALKS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, FONMIN CONSALVI, MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY VALENTIN HERNANDEZ AND OTHER GOV OFFICIALS. ARRON ALSO VISITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN MERIDA STATE, ATTENDED THE INAGUURATION OF THE MIXED-SURINAMESE-VENEZUELA COMMISSION AND MET WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA), SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCING SURINAM'S DECISION TO JOIN SELA AS THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEMBER.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, TWO PRO FORMA ACCORDS WERE SIGNED: A SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AGREEMENT DEALING PRIMARILY WITH INFORMATION EXCHANGES ON SKILLED LABOR TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND A CULTURAL AGREEMENT ENCOURAGING COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGES, AND A GREATER EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL ACTIVIES. ARRON ANNOUNCED

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EARLIER IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 29 THAT AN ECONOMIC ACCORD WOULD BE SIGNED JULY 24 WHEN PRESIENT PEREZ VISITS SURINAM. ANOTHER MEETING OF THE MIXED VENEZUELAN-SURINAMESE COMMISSION IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24 WHICH WILL FIAALIZE DETAILS ON SEVERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: PRESS COVERAGE OF TH VISIT WAS SURPRISINGLY

WIDESPREAD AND THE GOV OBVIOUSLY WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO
PROVIDE ARRON WITH A TOP-LEVEL VISIT, ALTHOUGH LITTLE OF
SUBSTANCE IMMEDIATELY RESULTED FROM THE TRIP. IN PART, THE
RECEPTION ILLUSTRATES THE GOV'S CONCERN WITH THIS PART OF
THE CARIBBEAN, PARTICULARLY ITS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN GOOD
RELATIONS WITH SURINAM AND BRAZIL, GIVEN ZENEZUELA'S OUT-
STANDING BORDER DISPUTE WITH GUYANA AND ITS UNEASE ABOUT
GUYANA'S UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION AND RELATIONS WITH
CUBA. END COMMENT.
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